

**A NOVEL ADJUVANT CAPABLE OF SPECIFICALLY ACTIVATING
THE ADAPTIVE IMMUNE RESPONSE**

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Abstract

A composition for eliciting an immune response to an immunogen comprises
an immunogen in combination with a mast cell membrane activator such as
compound 48/80. Any suitable immunogen may be employed, such as an antibody-
inducing determinant, a lipid, a peptide (*e.g.*, an antibody-inducing peptide), a
10 carbohydrate, an immunogen derived from a virus or cancer cell, etc. Methods of use
are also described.

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